

LOK SABHA DEBATES

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Tuesday, May 13, 1997 / Vaisakha 23, 1919 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met Two Minutes past Eleven of the Clock

[SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA *in the Chair*]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Review of Agricultural Schemes

*521. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the schemes called "Women in Agriculture" and "Agricultural Extension";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of NGOs involved in these schemes; and

(d) the role played by each of the NGOs in these schemes?

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has, from time to time, reviewed the schemes entitled "Women in Agriculture" and "Agricultural Extension through Voluntary Organisations".

The Central Government has also recently constituted an "Expert Committee on Women in Agriculture" to examine and evaluate the various on-going programmes/schemes of the DAC and to assess their usefulness and impact on women farmers and suggest appropriate measures for their improvement. The Committee is in the process of finalizing the draft of its first Interim Report.

(b) The salient features of the schemes are enclosed at Annexure-I. The performance of the schemes is reviewed through in field reviews, annual meeting-cum-workshops, visits of inter-disciplinary teams and internal-consultancy studies. Reviews of the scheme "Women in Agriculture" have revealed that the process of Transfer of Technology to the women farmers in the project areas has been streamlined by organising womens groups, providing them training and extension support and regular follow up

through local volunteers. Reviews of the scheme "Agricultural Extension through Voluntary Organisations" have shown integration of the efforts of these organisations with the main extension system, improved linkages with the research system and that extension support in the project areas has been activated through demonstrations, farmers training and study tours.

Annexure I

The Salient Features of the Schemes

A. WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

The objective of the scheme is to motivate and mobilise farm women to organise them into groups so that agricultural support such as input, technology and extension support could be channelised through network of these groups.

Under Implementation on pilot basis since 93-94 in seven selected States of the country viz. Kerala, Maharashtra, U.P., HP, Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab covering one district in each State.

The total budget outlay for the plan period is Rs.164.27 lacs.

A composite package of training and extension in the form of village based training/refresher training, link worker training, result demonstrations, study tours and Mahila Goshties are imparted to the farm women.

B. AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION THROUGH VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The objective of the scheme is to integrate efforts of selected NGOs with that of main extension system.

Under implementation on pilot basis since 94-95 in 8 selected States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, UP, MP, Bihar, West Bengal, Manipur and Tripura covering 14 districts.

The total budget outlay for the plan period is Rs.200.00 lacs.

The selected NGOs are involved in carrying out documentation of farming system, preparation of audio visual aids, organisation of demonstrations, farmers training and study tours.

Annexure II

Names of NGOs involved in Implementation of Scheme - Agricultural Extension through Voluntary Organisations

1. Sri Aurobindo Institute of Rural Development
Gaddipalli - 508 201.
Distt. Nalgonda, A.P.
2. Youth for Action,
1-8-702/26/1,
Padma Colony,
Hyderabad - 500 044, Andhra Pradesh.

3. Ramakrishna Ashram,
Morabadi, Ranchi - 834 008, Bihar.
4. Gram Nirman Mandal,
Sarvodaya Ashram,
Sodhodeora,
Nawada - 805 106, Bihar.
5. Shri Kshetra Dharamasthala
(Rural Development Branch),
Dharmasthala,
South Kanara - 574 216
Karnataka.
6. MYRADA, Damlur Layout,
Kolar District,
Bangalore - 560071
Karnataka.
7. Ramakrishna Mission Ashram,
Narainpur,
P.O. Bastar - 494 661
Madhya Pradesh.
8. Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust,
Kasturbagram,
Indore - 452 020
Madhya Pradesh.
9. Manipur Ramakrishna Society,
Prajatantra Buildings,
imphal - 795 001
Manipur.
10. Ramakrishna Sewa Kendra,
Chebri, Khowai - 700 001.
West Tripura.
11. Vanvasi Sewa Ashram,
Via Turra Govindpur,
Sonbhadra,
Mirzapur,
Uttar Pradesh - 231 221.
12. Ramakrishna Mission Ashram,
Narendrapur - 743 508
24 Pargana (s)
West Bengal.
13. Kalyan,
c/o, Ramakrishana Mission,
Ashram, Narendrapur - 743 508
(District Purlea)
West Bengal.
14. Himalayan Action Research Centre.
744, Indira Nagar,
Phase -II, P.O. New Forest,
Dehradun - 248 006
Uttar Pradesh.

Annexure III**List of Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning under
Non-Governmental Organisations**

Sl.No.	Name & Address of KVK	Host Organization
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh		
1	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vishakapatnam - 531005	Bhagya Tula Charitable Trust Yellamanchily, Vishakapatnam 531 005.
2.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, P.O. Baraganapalli, Yagantipalle - 513524, Disstt. Kurnool.	Secretary, Shri Hanumantharaya, Educational & Charitable Society
3.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, P.O. Box No. 214, Zahirabad Medak - 502220	Chairman, Decan Dev. Society, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad, Hyderabad.
4.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, RASS Vanasathli, Village Karakanbadi, Distt. Chittoor - 517 501	Chairman, Rayalseema Seva Samiti, Tirupati.
5.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gaddipalli - 508 201 Distt. Nalgonda	Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Rural Instt. of Rural Deve. Gaddipalli. (AP)
6.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jammikunta, Distt. Karimnagar - 505122	Director, Gram Nava Nirman Samiti, Vidyanagar, Hyderabad
7.	Training Organiser, N. G. Ranga KVK, Vinayashram, Kavur, Distt. Guntur.	Chairman, Vinayashram, Kavur Guntur (AP)
8.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Behind M.R.O. Office, Kotha, Madanpur, Distt. Mahaboobnagar. Bihar	The Executive Director, Youth for Action, Hyderabad.
9.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sharma Bharati Khadigram, P.O. Jamui - 811 313	Chairman, Khadi Gramodyog Sangh, Khadigram, Jamui, Bihar.
10.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, VPO Basaith, Chandpura, Madhubani - 847 102	Chairman, S.K. Choudhary Edn. Trust, New Delhi.

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11	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, P.O. Morabadi, Ranchi - 834 008	Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Morabadi, Ranchi - 834 008
12.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sujani, P.O. Ghorlash, Distt. Deoghar - 814 152	General Secretary, Santhal Paharia Seva Mandal, Deoghar (Bihar)
13.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Holycross V.T.I., Hazaribagh - 825 301	Directoress, Holycross VTI Hazaribagh (Bihar)
14.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, P.O. Sokhodeora, Distt. Nawada - 805 106	General Secretary, Gram Nirman Mandal Ashram, Sokhodeora, Nawada.
15.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Banvasi Seva Kendra, P.O. Adhaura, Kaimur Plateau, Bhabhua - 821 116	President, Vanavasi Seva Kendra, Adhaura, Bhabua.
<i>Gujarat</i>		
16.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bharauch.	Chairman, Bhartiya Agro Industries, Foundation, Pune.
17.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mangal Bharti Golagamamdi, Bahadurpur, Baroda - 391 125	Chairman, Mangal Bharti, Golag Mandi, Vadodara.
18.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Rnadheja Gandhinagar.	Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad.
19.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Valsad.	- do -
20.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Samoda, Mehsana	Director, Saraswati Gram Vidyapeeth, Samoda, Mehsana.
21	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mundra Kuchchh	Chairman, Rural Agro. Research & Dev. Society, Jhuhu, Bombay.

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<i>Haryana</i>		
22.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, No. 2, Rajendra Park, Ambala Cantt., Ambala.	President, Society for Creation of Heaven on Earth, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.
23.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sri B.B. Ashram, Rampura Rewari - 123 401	President, Bhagwat Bhakti Ashram, Rampura, Rewari.
<i>Himachal Pradesh</i>		
24.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vill. Kudowada, P.O. Channer, Indara, Distt., Kangra - 176 401	Chairman, FORE, New Delhi.
<i>Jammu & Kashmir</i>		
25.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kalibari, Kathua - 184 104.	Secretary, Shiv Gramodyog Mandal Kathua.
<i>Karnataka</i>		
26.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Suttur, Mysore	President, JSS Rural Development Foundation, Mysore.
27.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chikkabalapur, Kolar	President, Karnataka Welfare Society, Chikabalapur.
28.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tukanatti Gohak, Belgaum - 591 319	President, Belgaum Integrated Rural Development Society, Belgaum.
29.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, K.H. Patil Agri. Science Foundation, Hulkoti - 582 205 Gadag Taluk, Distt. Dharwad.	Chairman, Agril. Sciences Foundation Hulkoti, Dharwad.
<i>Kerala</i>		
30.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pathenamthitta	Chairman, Christian Agency for Rural Dev. Thiruvalla, Pathenamthitta.

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31.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chakkupallam, Idukki.	President, Bapooji Sewak Samaj, Chakkupallam, Idukki.
32.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mitraniketan, Vellnad - 696 543 Distt. Thiruvananthapuram.	President, Mitraniketan Vellnad, Trivendrum.
<i>Madhya Pradesh</i>		
33.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Joara, Kalukeda, Distt. Ratlam - 457 340	President, Kalukheda Shiksha Samiti, Ratlam.
34.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Via. Dimrapal, P.O. Jagdaipur, Mata Rukmini Seva Sansthan, Distt. Bastar - 494 001.	Secretary, Mata Rukmini Seva Sansthan Jagdaipur, Bastar.
35.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Malwa Mahila Vikas Samiti, P.O. Sironj, Vidisha - 464 228.	President, Sri Malwa Mahila Vikas Samiti, Bhopal.
36.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Indore.	Secretary, Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Kasturba Gram, Indore.
37.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra Deendayal Research Institute, Majhgawan, Satna-485331	Chairman, Deen Dayal Research Institute, Rani Jhansi Road, New Delhi.
<i>Maharashtra</i>		
38.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Y.C. Maharashtra Open Univ. Nasik - 422 005	Vice Chancellor, Y.C. Maha Open University, Nasik.
39.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bhagyanagar, Parbhani - 431 401.	President, Jeevan Jyoti Charitable, Trust, Parbhani.
40.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, P.O. Talasadi, Kolhapur - 416 012.	D.Y. Patil Edn. Society, Talahande, Kolhapur.

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41.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jalgaon, Jamod, Buldana - 443 402	Chairman, Satpuda Edn. Society, Jalgaon, Jamod Buldana.
42.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, 57, Congress Nagar, Amaravati - 444 602	President, Sharam Sadhna Trust, 57, Congress Nagar, Amravati.
43.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Madhubani Colony Camp, Amravati - 444 602.	President, Shram Safalya Foundation, Madhubani Colony, Amravati.
44.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, HIG Colony, Near ITI, Nanded.	Chairman, J.N. Instt. of Edn. Sci. & Tech. Research, Nanded.
45.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, 51, Railway Lines, Solapur - 413 001	President, Shabari Krishi Pratishtan, Solapur.
46.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Karda, Risod, Akola - 444 106	President, SUVIDE Foundation, Risod, Akola.
47.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Poip Adarsh Krishi, Sindhudurg - 416 622.	President, Poip Falatpadan Sahakar Samithi, Sindhudurg.
48.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gokhale Ed. Society, Koabad Hill - 401 703 Distt. Thane.	Secretary, Gokhale Edn. Society, BYK College of Commerce, Nasik.
49.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Satpura Vikas Mandal, Pal, Taluka, Raver, Distt. Jalgaon - 425 508.	Chairman, Satpuda Vikas Mandal, Raver, Jalgaon.
50.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Adarsh Colony, Village - Ambajogai Distt. Beed. - 431 517.	Chairman, Deen Dayal Res. Instt. Rani Jhansi Road, Mew Delhi.
51.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kalavade, Karad, Distt. Satara - 415 110	Chairman, Kalyani Gorakshan Trust, Koregaon Road, Pune.

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52.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sharda Nagar, Baramati-413115 Distt. Pune	Chairman, Agri. Development Trust, Baramati, Pune.
53.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Babhleshwar, Shrirampur Tal, Distt. Ahmednagar-413736	Chairman, Pravara Instt. of Res. & Edn. in Natural & Soc. Sci, Parvaranagar, Ahmedabad.
54.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, C-413, Vasant Dada Sakar, Sahakari Karkhana, Distt. Sangli-416416	Chairman, Vasant Prakash Vikas, Pratishthan, Sangli.
55.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, P.B. No. 45, S.P. Road, Distt. Jalna - 431 203	Secretary, Marathwada Sheti Sahayya Mandal, Jalna.
<i>Rajasthan</i>		
56.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chomu., Jaipur.	Secretary, Pragati Trust, Chomu, Jaipur.
57.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Banasthali Vidya Pith, Distt. Tonk - 304 022	Secretary, Banasthali Vidyapeeth, Banasthali, Tonk.
58.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Badgaon, Udaipur-313001	President, Vidya Bhawan Society, Udaipur.
59.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Sardar Shahar, Dist. Churu - 311 401	The Registrar, Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Sardar Shahar, Distt. Churu - 311 401
60.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gayatri Shant Peeth, Distt. Barmer - 344 001	The Secretary, Society to Uplift Rural Economy, Barmer.
61.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sangaria, Sri Ganganagar.	President, Keshyanand Memorial Trust, Sangaria, Sri Ganganagar.
<i>Tamil Nadu</i>		
62.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dharmapuri	President, TN Board of Rural Deve. T. Nagar, Madras.

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63.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tenkosi, Nellai Kattabomman-627 852	Chairman, RVS Edn. Trust, Dindigul Anna.
64.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Katchipuram via, Theni, Madurai-626 520	Chairman, Centre of Deve. and Communication Trust, Madurai.
65.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Allikulam, Mundradaipu, P.O. Kariapatti, Kamarajar - 626 102	Chairman, Meyer's Trust Madurai.
66.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tanjavur, RVS Campus, Sultur - 641 402	President, Bhaktva Memorial Trust, TNBH Colony, Korathur, Madras.
67.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Distt. Chidambarnar	Chairman, SCAD Cherandevi, Tirunelveli.
68.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sri Awiwashilingam Rural Centre, Vivekanandapuram, Karamadai Block, Coimbatore - 641113 Distt.	The Secretary, Sri Awiwashilingam Rural Centre, Coimbatore.
69.	Training Organiser Krishi Vigyan Kendra, UPASI, Glenview, Coonoor - 643 101. Nilgiri Distt.	Secretary, UPASI, Glenview, Coonoor - 643 101 Nilgiri Distt.
70.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gandhigram Rural Instt., Gandhigram, Dindigul Anna Distt.	The Secretary, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, Dindigul Anna Distt.
71.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Talamalai Centre of MYRADA, Talawadi Block, Sathyamangalam Taluk, Periyar - 638461 Distt.	Executive Director, MYRADA, Domlur Layout, Bangalore.
72.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kilnelli Village, Vembakkam Block, Thiruvannamalai, Samabuvarayar Distt.	President, Tamil Nadu Board of Rural Deve. T. Nagar. Madras.

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<i>Tripura</i>		
73.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Divyodaya, ICAR Complex for NEH Region, Dibanandapali, Chebri - 799 207, Khowai, Sub Division, West Tripura.	General Secretary, Sri Ramakrishna Seva Kendra, R. N. Mukherjee Road, Calcutta.
<i>Uttar Pradesh</i>		
74.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kanpur Road, Daroga Khara, P.O. Anrawn, Lucknow.	Chairman, National Instt. of Agri. Kanpur Road, Lucknow.
75.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jalapur, Muzaffarnagar.	President, Swami Kalyan Deo Trust, Muzaffarnagar.
76.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Barabanki.	Secretary, Bharat Gramin Vikas Sanstha Barabanki.
77.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kamla Nehru Memorial Trust, Sultanpur - 228 118.	Secretary, Kamla Nehru Memorial Trust, Sultanpur.
78.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Etah - Tundla Road, Awagarh - 207 301. Distt. Etah (U.P.)	Principal, Raja Balwant Singh College, Bichpuri, Agra.
79.	Officer - in - Charge, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jai-prabha Gram/Gopalgram Deen Dayal Research Institute, Khargu Chandpur, Gandhi Park, Gonda-271001.	Chairman, Deen Dayal Research Instt., Rani Jhansi Road, New Delhi.
80.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ganiwan, Distt. Banda - 210206.	- do -
81.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Allahabad Agril. Institute, Distt. Allahabad - 211007	The Director, Allahabad Agri. Institute, Naini, Allahabad.
82.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sohana, Distt. Sidharthnagar-272193	The Secretary, Leond Tel Area Deve. Soc. Sohana, Siddarthnagar.

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83.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Swami Kalyan Dev. Hastinapur, Distt. Meerut 250404.	President, Gandhi Polytechnic Hastinapur, Meerut.
<i>West Bengal</i>		
84.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sri Ramkrishna Ashram, P.O. Nimpith Ashram, South 24-Parganas-743338	Chairman, Sri Ramkrishna Ashram, Sunderban, 24 Parganas.
85.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kapgari, Distt. Midnapore-721505	President, Sewa Bharati, Kapgari, Midnapore.
86.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ramshai, Dist. Jalpalguri - 735 219	General Secretary, Sri Ramakrishna Sewa Kendra, R.N.Mukherjee Road, Calcutta.
87.	Training Organiser, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vivekanand Nagar, Distt. Purulia 723 147	President, Kalyan P.O. Vivekanand Nagar, Purulia.

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Mr. Chairman Sir, at present there are two on going schemes in our country, viz "Women in Agriculture" and "Agricultural Extension" schemes. One is being implemented through Agriculture extension centre and another one is for women. As per official data most of the women working in rural areas as agricultural labourer constitute 86 percent and are unorganised. These schemes have been launched in 1993 -94 and as per Eighth Five Year Plan the schemes have been introduced in seven states. But if we see the achievements Tamil Nadu has made a little progress. But particularly in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh which are the two largest state in the country, the schemes have yet not been introduced there. These are only at the primary stage. I would like to know its reasons. I mean to say that whether it is due to the indifferent attitude of the state government or the people or there are some lapses on the part of Non-Governmental organisations to whom the task has been assigned? Whether the Government would find out the factors responsible for this?

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Mr. Chairman Sir, it is true that it has been introduced under Eighth Plan. Besides it, assistance is sought from some foreign countries also. Eight districts of Madhya Pradesh are also included in it.

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Mr. Chairman Sir, nothing is audible.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Hence Madhya Pradesh has also been included under Danish aid. She could not listen to me due to problem in mike. Besides, six districts of Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Orissa, and Gujarat and six districts of Andhra Pradesh have been included in this. Twenty two districts of eleven states are also being included in the ninth Plan. Jammu and Kashmir, West Bengal, Assam and Bihar are also among these states. I want that these schemes should be introduced simultaneously all over India but you do not provided resources, whatever resources you will provided we will implement the schemes with that resources only.

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Mr. Chairman Sir, my first question was that due attention was not given to Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and Hon'ble Minister has not furnished the reasons for that. Just now you said that there is shortage of resources. Whether it is a fact that the Krishi Vigyan Kendra that have been set up are not functioning properly. You are telling that there is financial constraint and at the same time you are implementing new schemes. Besides the Krishi Vigyan Kendras non-Governmental organisations are also performing the same work with the same objective. Today women are working in unorganised sector and also in the fields. Hence there is a need to provide them the wages equivalent to men and also a proper working environment. You said that Danish Government is providing aid and non-Government organisations have been included in the scheme. It is being said that the aid, which the non-Government organisations are getting from the Danish Government and through which they are performing the task and it is not yielding any result. Since most of the government officials are not taking interest. I would like to know from the Hon'ble minister whether any inquiry would be conducted in this regard? Also when they have same objective and when there is a financial constraint then why other programmes are being implemented and why not they have been implemented through Krishi Vigyan Kendras?

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Sir, as far as Danish aid is concerned, Madhya Pradesh has also been included. I would like to tell you that government officials or their relatives are running the scheme. Relatives of Govt. officials can run the scheme. There is nothing objectionable.

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : These are not being executed properly.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : You please furnish a list in this regard, we will conduct an inquiry into it. We don't have any objection.

[English]

SHRI SUDHIR GIRI : Mr. Chairman Sir, I want to put a simple question to the Hon. Minister. The principal

objective of all the schemes, such as "Women in Agriculture" and "Agricultural Extension" is to accelerate the growth of agricultural produce in terms of qualitative and quantitative achievements. Technology transfers and integration of efforts of the voluntary organisations with the main extension systems etc. have been done towards the end of the quantitative and qualitative growth of the agricultural produce.

On the basis of these objectives, may I know from the hon. Minister, to what extent the agricultural produces have been increased in concrete terms in the states in which the projects are in operation?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Do you have the information?

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : The question is not a general thing and particularly related to the concern of women. So, this is very much necessary, the objectives are same—this is what the hon. Member has said - - but the emphasis is on women as to how are they doing it. That is why, when I became the Minister of Agriculture, I had constituted a committee specially to go into the matter as to what is the position of women in agriculture. Apart from my officials, I have associated the representatives of almost all the leading political parties and the representatives of women organisations and they have worked upon this. The Interim Report is to come before me very soon and then an Action Plan will be drawn up.

As far as the other part of the question is concerned, it is not directly related to the main question. If the Chair desires, I am prepared to reply for that. There is a general awareness among the farmers that women should get preference, they should register their names and they should draw the subsidy. Such awareness is being created. I cannot say and I am not of the opinion that it has already been done. I can say that if it is taken seriously, then it will succeed. I can say this much. I cannot say that it has already succeeded.

[Translation]

SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Mr. Chairman Sir, Bharat-Agro Industries Foundation has made remarkable achievement by facilitating active participation of women in Mashroom Farming in Pune. You are also opening Krishi Vigyan Kendras in each district as planned by the previous government. You are making efforts in this regard. I would like to know from the hon'ble minister whether the government are making any plan to ensure participation of women in Mashroom Farming through Krishi Vigyan Kendras and to encourage them?

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Sir, this specific scheme is not meant for the entire country. It is being take up sporadically. We will extend our full cooperation to women in this regard. We will try to encourage women if they show keen interest in this field. So far as Krishi Vigyan Kendras are concerned nothing has been done for women

through these kendras but we want to do this. You must have noticed that NGO's are working in 87 districts. We also want them to take up the issue of women and encourage them.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SINGH : Mushroom cultivation can be turned into a cottage industry through the participation of women.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Whether it be the question of Mushroom farming or any thing else we are ready to assist wherever it relates to women's upliftment.

SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Mr. Chairman Sir, in Orissa women outnumbered men in agricultural sector. A number of voluntary organisations are working in this direction in Orissa. But these two schemes - women in Agriculture and agricultural extension have not been introduced in Orissa. Orissa is also an agricultural state apart from these seven states. I would like to know from the Hon'ble minister as to when these schemes would be introduced in Orissa?

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Sir, as I have told you, eight districts from your state have been included under Danida schemes. Perhaps the previous government have not taken up the matter from that angle. It is true that we will provide special assistance to women. We have made arrangements for training and other expenses. In Orissa four districts namely Bolangir, Ganjam, Puri and Dhenkanal are taken up in first phase and in second phase apart from these districts four other districts viz. Sambhalpur, Keonjhar, Koraput and Sundergarh are taken up under Danida scheme.

SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Sir, I would like to know from the Hon'ble minister whether the government have made any assessment and evaluation of these ongoing schemes as to how much progress has been made in each state. Also whether hon'ble minister would like to inform the House in this regard.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Sir, as I have told just now that the committee constituted has not submitted its report yet. As soon as the report is submitted it will be laid in the House. The report has not yet been received. So far as Bihar is concerned, I have told earlier that we are going to include the state in Ninth Plan.

[English]

Sugar Mills

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SHRI ANCHAL DAS :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the names and locations of sugar mills in private, public and cooperative sectors, state-wise;

(b) whether these sugar mills are having sufficient production in relation to their capacity;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have received proposals from the states to issue Letters of Intent to set up more sugar mills in the States;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to assist the loss making units?

[Translation]

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (f) A statement is being placed on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) A statement showing the state-wise, sector-wise names and locations of the installed sugar mills in the country is at Annexure-I.

(b) and (c) As on 31.3.97 the installed capacity of sugar manufacturing units was 131 lakh tonnes. The capacity already licensed, on the other hand, is of the order of 266.6 lakh tonnes. The actual production of sugar, however, rests not only on the installed capacity but on the days it is utilised, and the availability of sugarcane, which in turn depends upon the effort made by the mills to develop sugar cane in their area. While the production of sugar in the current season is still going on, it was 164.29 lakh tonnes during the 1995-96 season.

(d) and (e) From December, 1995 onwards, when the work of issuance of Letters of Intent was resumed, in all, 92 Letters of Intent have been issued for establishment of new sugar factories. Proposals from applicant entrepreneurs have been received from various states. Details are in Annexure -II. A final decision in these cases is yet to be taken by the department of industrial policy and promotion.

(f) The Government helps sugar mills to improve their working by availing of concessional finance for rehabilitation, modernisation and upgradation of capacity upto 31.3.1997, 163 sugar mills had been sanctioned loans from Sugar Development Fund, amounting to Rs.603.45 crores. Besides, 346 units were also sanctioned Cane Development Loan amounting to Rs. 466.63 crores. Financial assistance at a concessional rate of interest is provided from the Sugar Development Fund for modernisation/rehabilitation/expansion of the existing units.